



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

United States District Court Judge Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Raymond Thomas and David Hoffman following their convictions for burglarizing the Santee Heart Youth Center on the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation. Hoffman and Thomas were each sentenced to 10 months of imprisonment to be followed by three years of supervised release. They were further ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$5,719.22.

Hoffman, Thomas and a juvenile broke into the youth center by using a rock to smash the front window. An HDTV, an X-Box 360 game console, a laptop computer and a touch screen game were taken during the burglary. The stolen items were sold in Sioux City, Iowa and Omaha, Nebraska.

Name of Defendant: Raymond Lawrence Thomas and David Joe Hoffman

AKA:

Age: Thomas is 21 and Hoffman is 20

City of residence: Niobrara, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Burglary in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1153 and 13, and Nebraska Revised Statute 28-507. The maximum statutory penalty is 20 years of imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine and a term of supervised release of up to three years.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Santee Sioux Indian Reservation

Location of Arrest: Hoffman was arrested on the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation while Thomas was arrested in Sioux City, Iowa.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$5,719.22

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: October 11, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: Hoffman was arrested on August 5, 2010 and Thomas was arrested on August 6, 2010.

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: July 20, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: Hoffman appeared on August 6, 2010 and Thomas appeared on August 20, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Hoffman plead guilty on October 15, 2010 while Thomas plead guilty on October 21, 2010.

Sentencing Date: Hoffman was sentenced on January 24, 2011 while Thomas was sentenced on January 31, 2011.

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Honorable F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Both defendants were initially released on bond, but both subsequently violated the conditions of release and were held without bond. Hoffman was placed in custody on August 27, 2010 and Thomas was placed in custody on January 24, 2011.

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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